

## REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

With respect to the 112 rejection, it should be noted that Claim 54 has been amended so as to delete reference to the language objected to by the Examiner as being indefinite. In addition, Claim 55 has been amended to simply indicate that the fitting is adapted to have at least one rubber boot seal mounted to it.

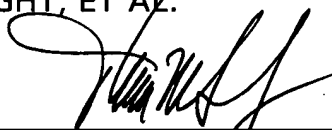
With respect to the Examiner's position as to certain claims being repeats of other claims except for some "preamble language", it should be noted that the "preamble language" gives import to the subsequently defined elements and therefore it is believed that it is a limitation which should be considered by the Examiner when considering these claims. This is particularly true of the method claims which specifically refer to the specific elements on which certain steps are to be performed.

Finally, Applicant hereby requests a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Credit Card payment form no. PTO-2038 in the amount of \$620.00 is enclosed (\$395.00 RCE filing fee and \$225 two month extension of time fee). Any fee deficiency or overpayment may be charged or credited to applicant's Deposit Account No. 07-0130.

In view of the foregoing reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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